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The reasons for my proposals are: Cambourne Parish is now a large Civil Parish with 13 Councillors. The original concept was for 3 villages under one Cambourne banner. This has largely remained true with Great Cambourne, Lower Cambourne and Upper Cambourne separated by clear and distinct boundaries. There is likely to be a new build area currently known as "West Cambourne" which is currently within the neighbouring Caxton Parish and will abutt Lower Cambourne and will be looked at by a Governance review by SCDC. This could add an extra 962 electors to the Parish by 2021. With the electorate estimated to be 7760 in 2021 (even larger if the Governance review goes through adding 962 to 7760 = 8722) I feel it is time for Cambourne Parish to be warded. I contend that this could be done with 3 wards, namely Great Cambourne, Lower Cambourne and Upper Cambourne. Map attached. By warding Cambourne Parish Council this will allow changes at the District level. The average electors is 2895 per single member ward or a 3 member ward is 8685 for 2021. I therefore propose there should be 3 wards for Cambourne. Great Cambourne and Upper Cambourne would be single member wards wholly within the Parish boundary with the same boundaries as the Parish Wards. I would propose a single member ward encompassing Lower Cambourne plus Parish of Caxton (1387), Croxton (129) and Eltisley (314). This would therefore allow the area of West Cambourne to be within the Cambourne Parish and a Cambourne ward. If the "West Cambourne" area is in a different District Ward to the rest of Cambourne and the area is later moved to from Caxton Parish to Cambourne Parish a new parish ward would need to be created which would have the residents of one house as the electors and one member on the Parish Council. This would be wrong and therefore I feel Caxton should be included in a Lower Cambourne Ward so that any alteration to the Parish Boundary between would mean the area of West Cambourne is included in my proposed Lower Cambourne Parish Ward until the building starts and sufficient electors means a Governance review will mean the creation of a new Parish ward. My proposals are: 3 Parish Wards – Great Cambourne, Upper Cambourne and Lower Cambourne 3 District Wards – Great Cambourne, Upper Cambourne and Lower Cambourne (including Caxton, Eltisley and Croxton) The reasons: Cambourne Parish is now too large to be a single ward. Cambourne has always been based on a 3 distinctive areas with clear boundaries and creating 3 wards would reflect this. By-elections in a 3 member ward would mean the whole ward is up for election. Whereas a by-election in a single member ward would mean less cost and expense. If on the other hand the Commission takes the view for to use the current figures then the single member ward would be 2586 single member ward or 7757 for a 3 member ward. Cambourne 6520 Caxton 425 Croxton 129 Eltisley 314 Total 7388 I therefore believe my proposal for 3 District Wards and 3 Parish Wards still stands. Connections Road connections. Caxton, Eltisley and Croxton are between the border of Cambourne Parish and the border of Huntingdonshire District Council. In reality Eltisley and Croxton have nowhere else to go. They could be included in a Papworths Ward. But this would make this ward too large. Caxton could be included in a Gamlingay Ward but this would cause problems after the review with part of Caxton Parish being transferred to Cambourne Parish. I discount the inclusion of the Parish of Bourn into any electoral arrangement including Cambourne. This is simply because Bourn has no direct route into Cambourne. As the crow flies Bourn looks very near in reality to get from Great Cambourne to Bourn involves a long drive.

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